

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ALAN OLSON**, on March 12, 2007 at 2:57 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Olson, Chairman (R)  
Rep. George G. Groesbeck, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Harry Klock, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)  
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Diane Rice (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
Cindy Peterson, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 60, 3/6/2007; SB 536, 3/8/2007  
Executive Action: HB 626

**HEARING ON SB 60**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:27 Sen. John Cobb (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 60,  
Clarify energy emergency power concerning price of  
energy.

**EXHIBIT** (feh52a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:03 Jim Nolan, Department of Health and Human Services

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:05:08 Rep. Olson  
00:05:22 Sen. Cobb  
00:05:31 Rep. Olson  
00:05:42 Sen. Cobb

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:06:13 Sen. Cobb

**HEARING ON SB 536**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:07:41 Sen. Gary Perry (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SB  
536, Revise eminent domain laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:09:19 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy  
00:10:48 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives  
00:11:22 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association  
00:12:03 Phil Maxwell, Three Rivers Communications

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:13:40 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

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**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

00:17:19 Rep. Gallik  
00:17:49 Sen. Perry  
00:18:06 Mr. Fitzpatrick

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:19:00 Sen. Perry

**COMMITTEE BILL DRAFT REQUEST LC 2561**

**Discussion:**

00:19:38 Mr. Everts  
[EXHIBIT \(feh52a02\)](#)

00:22:48 Rep. Olson

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 626**

00:23:42 Rep. Groesbeck  
00:24:19 Rep. Olson  
00:24:46 Rep. Groesbeck

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Groesbeck moved HB 626 **BE RECONSIDERED**.  
Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote of the  
members present and voting, with Rep. Boggio, Rep.  
Driscoll, Rep. Klock, and Rep. Olson voting no.

**Further Discussion:**

00:28:20 Rep. Groesbeck  
00:29:29 Rep. Molnar  
[EXHIBIT \(feh52a03\)](#)

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**ADJOURNMENT**

00:38:04 Adjournment: 3:35 P.M.

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REP. ALAN OLSON, Chairman

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CINDY PETERSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([feh52aad.pdf](#))**